



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe:

“On October 26, 2004, the Chief Administrative Officer issued a directive to all Department Heads to begin the implementation of the new County seal which is estimated to cost the County approximately \$700,000.

“When the ACLU sent their threatening letter, one of the reasons the majority on this Board quickly voted to remove the cross was to avoid the potential costs of litigation. Rushing the implementation of the new County seal with a signature gathering campaign underway, which could potentially result in the reversal of the implementation, mirrors the previous fiscal concerns. As of October 27, 2004, approximately 25,000 signatures have been gathered in less than 3 weeks, and the parties who are actively engaged in this campaign are confident in their efforts to obtain the requisite number of signatures by the March 1, 2005 deadline.

“The subject seal has been the official seal of the County for almost 50 years. Delaying the implementation of the new seal for 5 months in the interest of preventing potential waste of taxpayers’ money will not be detrimental to the County.”

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, that the Board delay implementation of the new County seal until after March 1, 2005, in the interest of preventing potential waste of taxpayers’ money, should the signature gatherers succeed in the efforts to qualify an initiative for the ballot to keep the current County seal. Said motion failed to carry by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe; Noes: Supervisors Molina, Burke and Yaroslavsky.

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